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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SECURE COMMUNICATIONS AND RESOURCE SHARING BETWEEN ANONYMOUS NON-TRUSTING PARTIES WITH NO CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated July 19, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.